

OH/LEX: The Ohio Land Exchange

Purpose

The goal of this participatory research project is to reactivate vacant and abandoned land in Lima, OH by engaging a broad range of stakeholders. The research team is gathering data on tax delinquent and visibly vacant properties in Lima, while simultaneously conducting semi-structured interviews with numerous institutions and organizations in the City, from hospitals and corporations to neighborhood associations and gardening clubs. Ultimately, the project will bring together groups of stakeholders around specific clusters of parcels to develop a shared vision and implementation plan on how to reactivate groups of vacant parcels in Lima.

Impact

To bring parcels back into active use and enhance current maintenance strategies on specific types of parcels. This outcome can be measured by simply counting the number of parcels that have been directly affected by this project.

To enable organizations and institutions in Lima, including but not restricted to city government, to make more strategic decisions about vacant and abandoned land.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
City and Regional Planning section
Knowlton School of Architecture
Landscape Architecture section
Knowlton School of Architecture
OSU Lima

Community Partners Involved
City of Lima

To inform the scholarly discussion on vacant land reuse and shrinking cities, especially within the disciplines of urban planning and landscape architecture.



How you can get involved:

- Funding to support students
- Support for materials and building supplies to enable temporary reuse of parcels

To get involved, contact:

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"I found myself projecting onto them all the times that when we went out, well-meaning, to do work in communities when we did not understand the communities very well."

from a health professional



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